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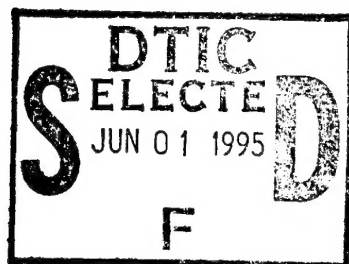
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Second Interim Report

This report briefly describes the design and field measurement activities carried out during the second interim period. The two main tasks performed were the experimental determination of the APS radiation pattern and the ADRA direction finding capability under field conditions.

1. The Acoustic Power Source -APS

- 1.1 The maximum acoustical power from a single Atlas/Soundolier horn (DR72) using a PD-60T driver was determined at a distance of 2m and as a function of frequency. The measured results are given in Table 1 (see Appendix 1).
- 1.2 In order to evaluate mutual coupling effects between the elements in a linear array mode, a linear arrangement of 3 horns was chosen as a representative unit. Adjacent horns were spaced at distances varying from 5 - 20cm. In addition rectangular slabs from different materials namely Aluminum, Wood and Polyurethane-foam were used as partitions between horns.
- 1.3 The acoustic radiation pattern of the above source was determined as follows. A set of 8 microphones, equally spaced at 10° angles and at a radial distance of 30m from the horn array were used to simultaneously measure the acoustic signal. The source was driven at several frequencies in the range from 120-2,000 Hz.
- 1.4 The measurements were arranged over 4 segments (of duration 2sec. each) and the results obtained from the 5cm spacing and no partition configuration is given in Appendix 1. In the graphs the azimuth angle of 0° corresponds to the direction directly in front of the horns. These results are representative in nature. A detailed analysis of all the configurations will be carried out to determine the optimal design for the complete 6 - element array.

2 The Acoustic Directive Receiver Antenna (ADRA)

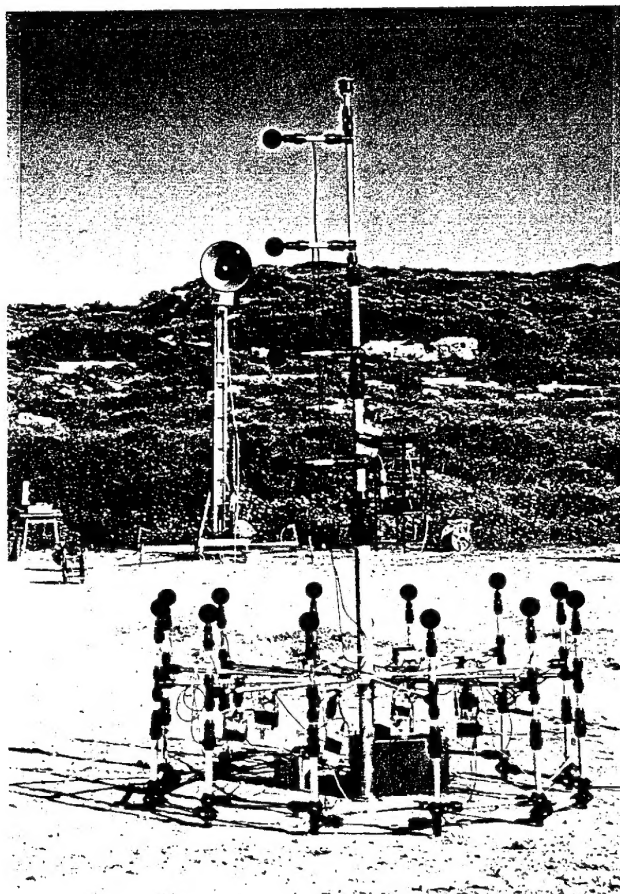
- 2.1 The direction finding capability of the ADRA was determined experimentally as follows.

A single horn source driven at 300 Hz was positioned at various azimuthal and vertical positions around the antenna, in the far field. See attached photograph of the experimental set up.

- 2.2 The geometrical coordinates of the source with respect to a reference microphone of the horizontal array was determined. The source was moved with respect to the antenna array and its coordinates determined at each position.

- 2.3 The results obtained from this field experiment are given in Table 2 (see Appendix 1) The geometrical direction coordinates are compared with the source direction coordinates as determined by the ADRA system.

From Table 2 we see that the agreement between the two in the azimuthal plane is within 3° . In the vertical plane the agreement is within 5° .



3. The next stages of the research

The following are the main tasks we plan to perform in the next stages of the research:

1. Completion of radiation analysis of the 3 horn source.
2. Constructing of the APS.
3. Preliminary long range acoustical propagation measurements.
4. Computer simulation and comparison with long range acoustic transmission measurements.

APPENDIX 1

Table 1

| FREQUENCY (Hz) | SPL (dB ze $2 \cdot 10^{-5}$ N/m ²) |
|----------------|---|
| 1,000 | 130 |
| 500 | 121.2 |
| 250 | 105 |
| 200 | 110.2 |
| 160 | 121.8 |
| 150 | 117.8 |
| 125 | 105 |

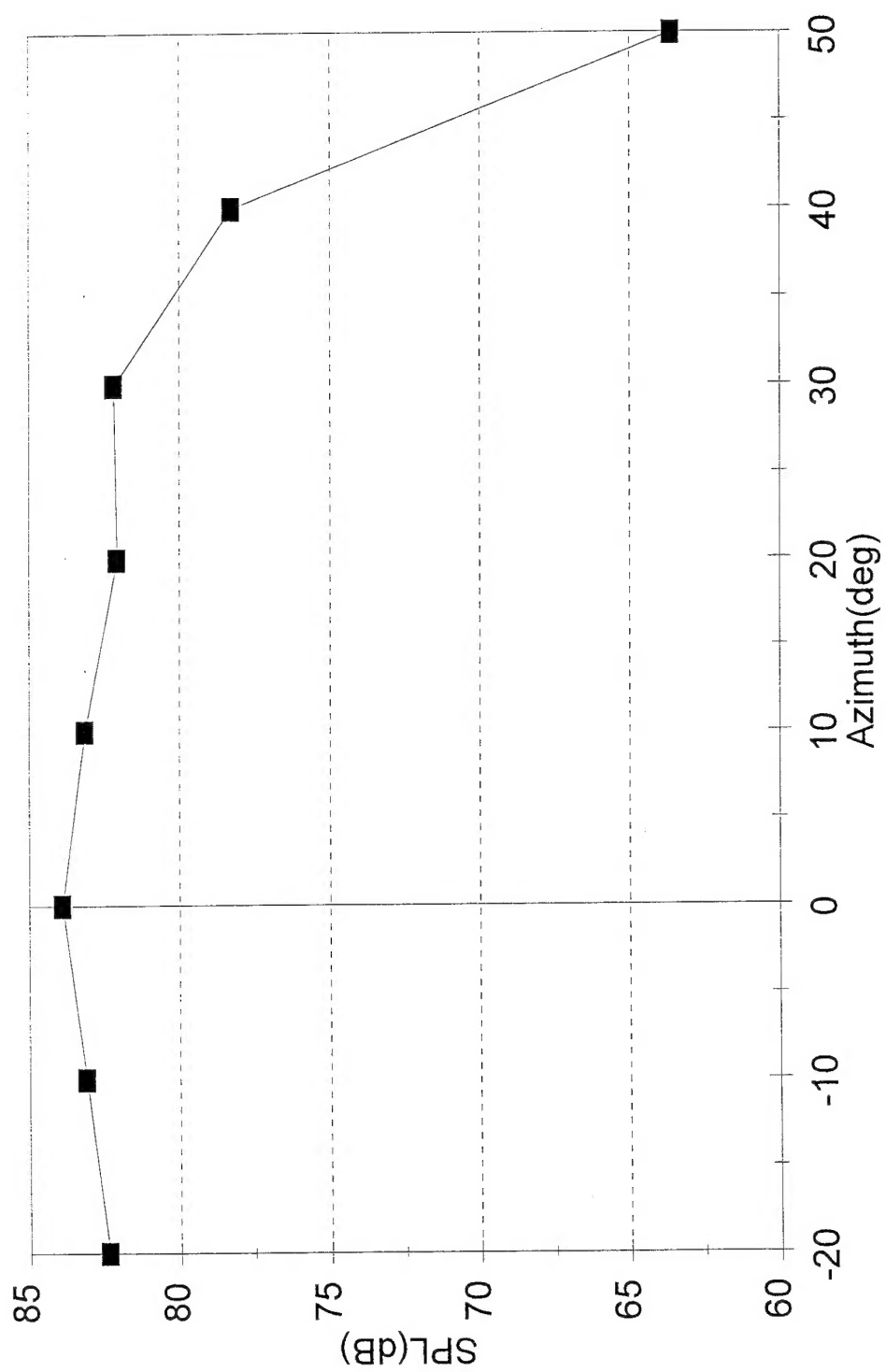
Sound pressure levels measured at 2 m from a single horn and driven at different frequencies.

Table 2

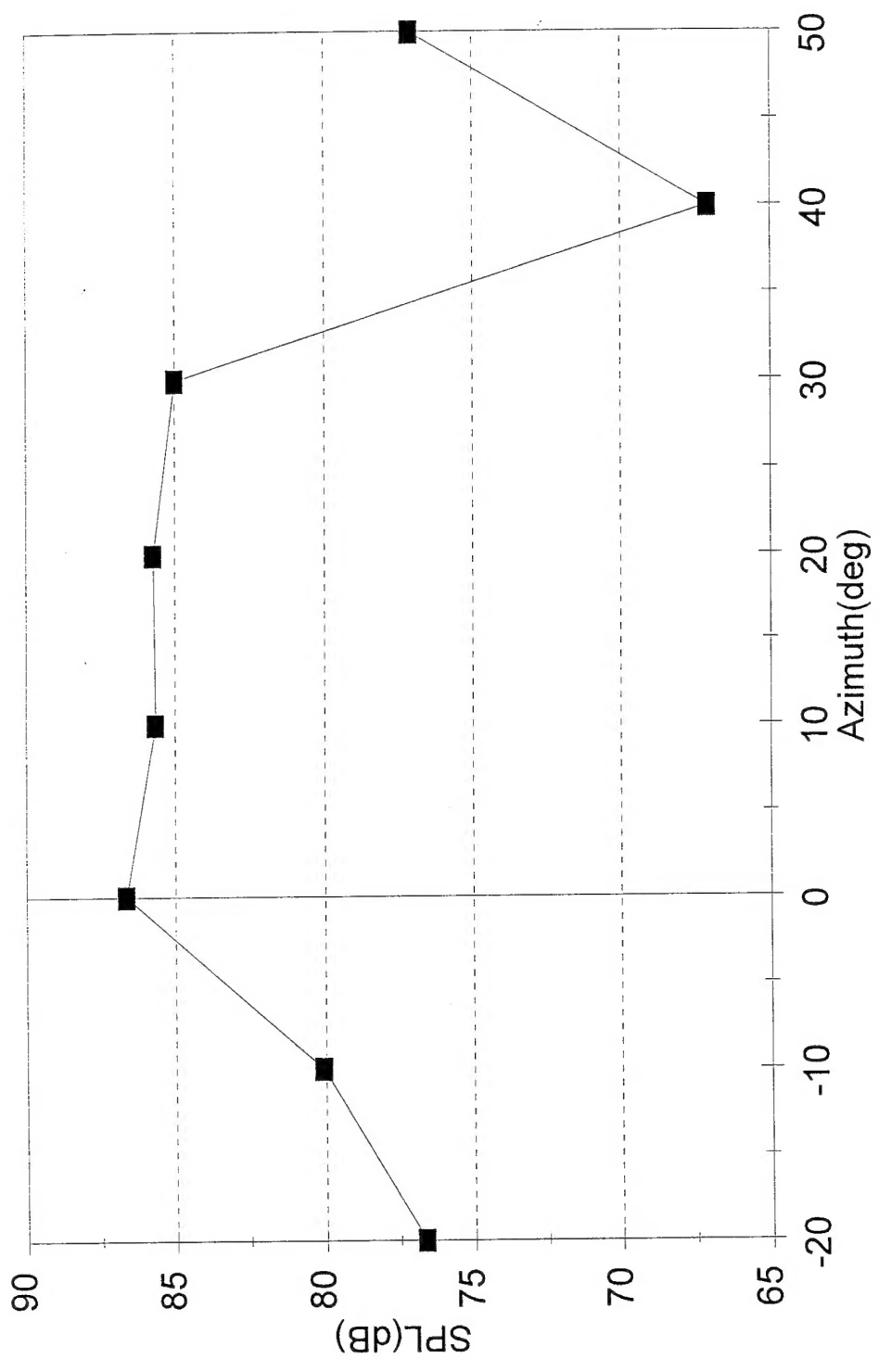
| AZIMUTH ANGLE (DEG) | | ZENITH ANGLE (DEG) | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Determined Geometrically | Determined by ADRA | Determined Geometrically | Determined by ADRA |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.5 |
| 15 | 13.5 | 9.6 | 13.5 |
| 30 | 32 | 20.3 | 25 |
| 45 | 48 | | |
| 60 | 61.5 | | |
| 75 | 75 | | |
| 90 | 91.5 | | |
| 120 | 120 | | |
| 150 | 148 | | |
| 180 | 178.5 | | |

Comparison of geometric direction with that obtained from the ADRA system.

3-horn source, spacing=5cm; f=200Hz



3-horn source, spacing=5cm; f=300Hz



3-horn source, spacing=5cm; f=400Hz

